



Project K Visit to Synergeia Partner Education Program
Project REY (Reading Excellence for the Youth)
San Fernando City, Pampanga

As part of Project K's program evaluation stage, alternatives of institutionalizing the program to ensure its sustainability were now being carefully considered. In view of this, the Project Management Team started to coordinate with other Synergeia partner programs for good practices and innovations that may be used for project sustainability.

Project K Technical Staff, along with its coordinators from the City Vice Mayor's Office, paid a visit to the Office of Congressman Rey Aquino last May 11, 2006 at San Fernando City, Pampanga. The team was welcomed by Mr. Glenn Aguas and Jonathan Yabut who serve as staff members for Project REY Foundation.

Proceedings

1. The grant received by Project REY from Ford Foundation was given into two segments: the first was given during year 2000 when Dr. Rey Aquino still holds the mayoral position and the second which was given during mid of 2004.
2. The first grant was handled by the City Government of San Fernando which was closed at the end of Dr. Aquino's mayoral term. The project management team, upon the advice of Synergeia and Ford Foundation, transferred a portion of the grant to the trust fund of Project REY. This was done as part of the program's transition procedure into a non-government organization to further ensure their sustainability.
3. Project REY was transformed into a foundation on year 2004 upon the end of Dr. Aquino's term as city mayor. The NGO was registered in the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) with Dr. Aquino serving as its President and Chairman. Initially, there are seven members of the Board of Trustees (BOT), each representing different sectors of the city.
4. With the establishment of the said foundation, Ford Foundation approved Project REY's second grant (amount not disclosed). The money, according to Mr. Aguas, is now currently used for implementing activities for grades three to six as additional resource for replicating Project REY outside San Fernando.